

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012  
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

**PUBLIC HEARING 2013 BUDGET**

Bridges made a motion to open the meeting for a public hearing on the 2013 budget. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was opened. Mayor Pavey asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. Conner made a motion to close the public hearing. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ELECTRIC LIQUIDATION**

Bridges made a motion to open the meeting for a public hearing on additional appropriations for the electric liquidation fund. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was opened. Mayor Pavey asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the September 4, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Berkemeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

- He received a price for recertification of the levy which was much higher than expected. He said he would be asking for other quotes.
- Pavey said that Mike Land and Kirk Wildey have attended ADA training and they will begin putting together an inventory.
- Pavey informed the Board that the insurance company has received estimates for the City's health insurance and is currently reviewing those. It appears that it will fit within our budget. He said we will be looking at an employee wellness program.
- Will have the Clerk-Treasurer prepare a notice to sell a range hood that was left at the old VFW building.
- We will be preparing RFP's for the energy efficiency proposal.
- Sheehan said voting on the lions has begun. He encouraged everyone to go to the Chamber website and vote for their favorite lion. He thanked Sandy Fussner and Matt Wolf for their help with this project.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

None.

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### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Bridges said he attended the State Board of Accounts exit conference for the audit year 2011.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Comprehensive Plan** – Smith said the survey is ready for review.

**Trash Sub Committee** – Smith said they have been talking to other communities and they are working on an initial proposal.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Park** – Mathews said he received permission to use the dirt from Flatrock River Apartments to fill in the hole in the park.

**Street** - Miller said those residents north of the bridge are to put out their heavy trash this week and it will be picked up next week. Residents South of the bridge will put their trash out next week and it will be picked up the following week.

**Police** – Tucker informed Council that the Board of Works accepted the resignation from Randy Meek for the position of detective. Meek will return to the position of night supervisor.

He said the department is ready for the activities of Rush Fest.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS** – Berkemeier said he received a complaint from Crystal Woods. Woods lives on South Baker Street, but was not present at the meeting. Woods said her neighbor south west of her residence are in the process of preparing the property to build a house. She stated that they are beginning work at 6:00 or 6:30 a.m. and she is being disturbed by the noise and bright lights. Berkemeier said he didn't find anything in the zoning ordinance or the noise ordinance that was a violation. Woods called the police department, but was told that they were not doing anything that was against the law. Berkemeier said they might consider adding language to the policy to include "quite hours", but he did not think one complaint warrants a change.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2012-13 Blight Area 231 E Water** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-13 declaring 231 E Water Street an area needing redevelopment. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Utility Board Appointment** – Smith made a motion to reappoint Brian Bess to the Utility Board. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2013 Budget** – Pavey presented the 2013 budget. He said the budget is a realistic budget, but very lean. He said this budget is more defined. Pavey also said we are managing our decline in revenue, but we also need to review this and look for ways to add additional revenue.

**Schedule Budget Workshop** – Pavey asked Council for dates to review the budget and discuss things that are coming up such as unfunded mandates. Council will email with available dates.

**Rushville Historic Non-Reverting Fund** – Mayor Pavey informed Council that we need to prepare an ordinance for Rushville Historic non-reverting fund. Bridges made a motion to create a non-reverting fund and an ordinance specifying the use of the funds. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2012-18 Authorizing Loan from Electric Liquidation Fund** – John McCane, President of the Redevelopment Commission asked Council to consider approving the loan to the Redevelopment Commission for the improvements to the North Industrial Park. McCane suggested this loan be made with an interest rate of 3%. Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012 authorizing a loan from the Electric Liquidation Fund to the Redevelopment Commission for improvements to the North Industrial Park with a 3% rate of interest. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2012-19 Additional Appropriation Electric Liquidation** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-19. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**INTAT Tour** – Reminded everyone of the tour of INTAT Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**APC** – Berkemeier said they are still coordinating a meeting to discuss the overlay district. He also suggested that the City consider adopting a City building code.

**Rush Fest** – Sandy Fussner said Rush Fest will be September 29<sup>th</sup>. There are many events scheduled. She invited everyone to join in the fun.

Councilman Sheehan said he would like to say thank you to Sandy. She has done a phenomenal job as the Chamber Director!

**Claims** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

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BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

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CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

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BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER